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I trust many people saw the TV program as per "Cuforns" (Cuforn, P.O. Box 15, Station A, Willowdale, Ont., Canada, M2N 5S7) article. I video taped the show and it will be viewed at our next meeting, for those that missed it. Another UFO show was recently aired. This show was live at 11:00 P.M. on the "Tonight Show". The guests were UFO authors, witnesses, etc. It was a very good program. I will also be showing this at our meeting.

Keven Bechard, newscaster from CKCO TV, presented a program on CFCA FM radio on a Sunday morning (October 13 = 8:05 AM) re UFO's. He interviewed pro, con and an astronomer for this program. I was one of the people he interviewed. He is supplying me with a tape of the program.

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American government's UFO cover-up exposé on TV Oct. 14

by Lawrence J. Fenwick

Mark this one on your calendar!

On Friday, October 14, 1988, a television special documentary will expose the U.S. government's cover-up of the truth about UFOs. This will be a "live" show to be seen on Global TV in Ontario. Global is a network which covers the entire province so about 5,000,000 people could see it here.

The show will run two hours, from 8 to 10 p.m., Eastern Daylight Saving Time. The TV show entitled, "The UFO Cover-up: What is the Government Hiding?", will be aired in the United States on LBS, the Lexington Broadcasting System. The show is produced by Michael Seligman and his company, Michael Seligman Productions. He is well-known in the American television industry and has a fine reputation to uphold. LBS is a Washington, D.C.-based network and is not a major network, so it is likely that its production will be seen on independent stations as well as network stations in major U.S. markets. One tentative sponsor is General Motors Corporation, according to Tracy Torme.

Torme told CUFORN's Larry Fenwick and Harry Tokarz in a telephone interview that he has a small role to play in it, in that he has "pointed out some of the things that they might want to focus on."

He said that there will be "some art work done by Syd Meade, a well-known illustrator." Included in it is Jaime Shandera's speech made at the MUFON UFO Symposium held in June, 1988 at the University of Nebraska in Lincoln, Nebraska. "There will be some people on camera from the old Project Blue Book, some well-established ufologists such as Budd Hopkins, and people such as Lannie Zamora who were involved in major UFO events," Torme said. "There will be a few individuals from the military intelligence community."

Torme pointed out that the documentary "will center on the MJ-12 documents." He also stated that U.S. coverage will involve "150 to 190 television stations. This means that 95 percent of the U.S. market will be covered."

He was asked what impact it would have on the general public. "As a whole, I think it will be a good show. As to whether it will mean that a lot of people will have their minds changed, it's difficult to say. It will be run twice within a week." Torme went on to say that "this show will have more stuff on the MJ-12 documents than has ever been on before."

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Torme, who spoke to CUFORN from his home in Century City, California, was skeptical about the impact of the documentary on the skeptics. "I doubt that it will change the minds of the skeptics," he said.

Since the MJ-12 document most people have heard about is the Briefing Paper prepared for President-elect Eisenhower and it referred to the UFO crash-retrievals at Roswell, New Mexico and El Indio, Texas, it is expected that a large portion of the production will deal with the information given in the document and with the book by William L. (Bill) Moore and Charles Berlitz, The Roswell Incident.

We advise all members to watch the show. Those of you who have VCRs will know what to do. Remember that showing times will vary by time zones in North America. Be sure to check your TV guide in order to find out when it will be on in your area.

Publicity was given to the show earlier this year in Variety Magazine in New York City.

UFOs on NBC-TV

Torme mentioned that the NBC TV network in the U.S. will be doing two UFO shows in the near future. One of these covers the current Gulf Breeze, Florida case; the other will be about abductions.

Will this show change the minds of those in the U.S. military who want the cover-up continued? We will see.



Two reports were phoned in, both brief sightings, with scant data. Sighting reported on August 15/88, location village of Ayr, Ontario. Witness, a retired pilot, age 60, saw a bright light with a tail like a meteor. It was at a height of 25,000', lower than a jet plane. It was travelling at a high rate of speed, horizon to horizon, it made a radical 90 degree turn to port, went a short distance, made another high speed turn and disappeared from view. Time 10:46 P.M.

The second sighting occurred on Oct. 5/88. Two witnesses saw a bright ball of light, approximately 10' across, high in the sky. It shot down over tree tops, hovering there for a short duration. It then took off at a high rate of speed and disappeared from view. This sighting took place at 9:30 P.M., Waterloo, Ontario.

Brief, but nonetheless, reported.

No further information is available.

Hints of 'planet-like' objects hailed as key find

By ANDREW PURVIS

A B.C. astronomer has possibly discovered the first evidence of other planets outside of our solar system and the results are being hailed as a key step in the search for extraterrestrial life.

Dr. Bruce Campbell, of the Dominion Astrophysical Observatory near Victoria, said this week that a new high-precision observing technique has yielded hints of "planet-like" objects around neighboring stars. He spoke at the Canadian and American Astronomical Societies conference at the University of B.C.

A prominent University of Toronto astronomer called the results the first step in probing one of astronomy's "most tantalizing" mysteries.

"Is there life elsewhere?" asked Dr. Robert Garrison, head of the Chilean observatory where this year's supernova was discovered. "To answer that you have to ask: Are there planets orbiting other stars?" Bruce's findings would be the first hard evidence that there are."

Campbell said he and his co-workers, Dr. Gordon Walker and Dr. Stephenson Yang of

UBC, will publish their results this fall.

At distances exceeding 250 billion kilometres, whatever dark objects may be orbiting neighboring stars are invisible to even the highest-powered telescopes, Campbell said.

As the fireballs plummet through space, the tug of gravity from any large nearby object, including orbiting planets, can briefly pull them off course, he said. The deviation is slight and until recently it was lost to astronomers in a cloud of interstellar static.

In 1979, he developed a high-precision

observing technique by passing the starlight through a gas called hydrogen fluoride, stripping away the distracting signals.

Campbell and his colleagues installed the tank in 1981 in the Canada-France-Hawaii telescope atop Hawaii's Mauna Kea volcano.

So far, Campbell said, the probable presence of planet-like objects has been detected around two stars, and the possible presence around five others. But the star must run through its entire periodic cycle — 10 to 20 years — before one can be sure the planets exist, he said.

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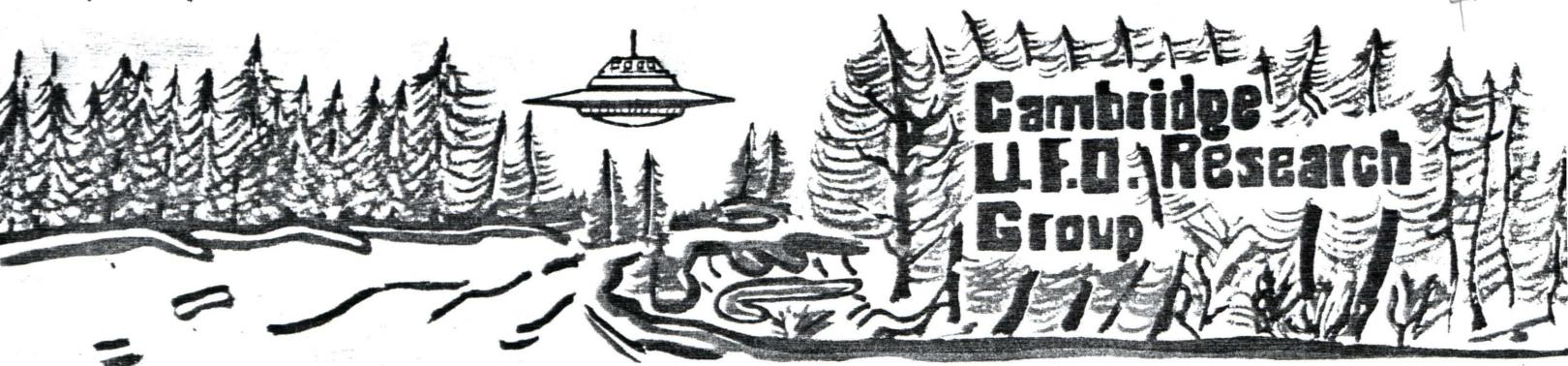
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Blow up asteroid, scientist says

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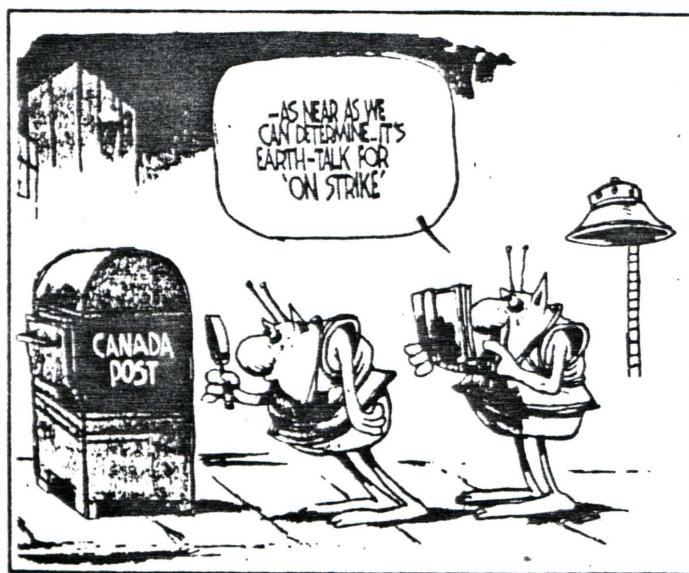
Humankind, to survive, has built a space interceptor to blow a giant asteroid which seems on a collision course with earth, a Soviet scientist said on Saturday. Alexander Voyatzhevsky said British astronomers calculated that an asteroid, discovered four years ago and known as 1983 TV, would collide with earth in the year 2115.



Date: Sept. 24/88
Time: 12:00 P.M.
Duration: 20-30 minutes
Location: Cambridge, Ontario

Brian, his wife and two kids were witness to a sighting. They were walking home when they noticed two slow moving lights high in the sky. Then six other lights came into view, they were pin points of light, with no shape. They were too high for planes and moving too slow. All were travelling in a south east direction, some were travelling faster than others. One went off course, behind one light could be seen two flashing lights, blinking first on one side and then the other. Elevation 80 degrees. They appeared to be moving the same speed as a hot air balloon, very slow. Temp. that evening, 65 degrees. They disappeared from view as they moving futher away.

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Now, nearly five decades after the inception of its modern period, the so-called UFO phenomenon remains as a critically challenging element for the formation of an intellectually defensible world-view. The appreciation of this philosophical predicament has been adversely influenced by sensationalized media treatment of the UFO subject; by deliberate state programs designed to forestall objective consideration of the situation generally; and probably due, also, to the radically unexpected nature of the phenomenon; and to subconscious anticipation of an attendant, enormous threat potential.

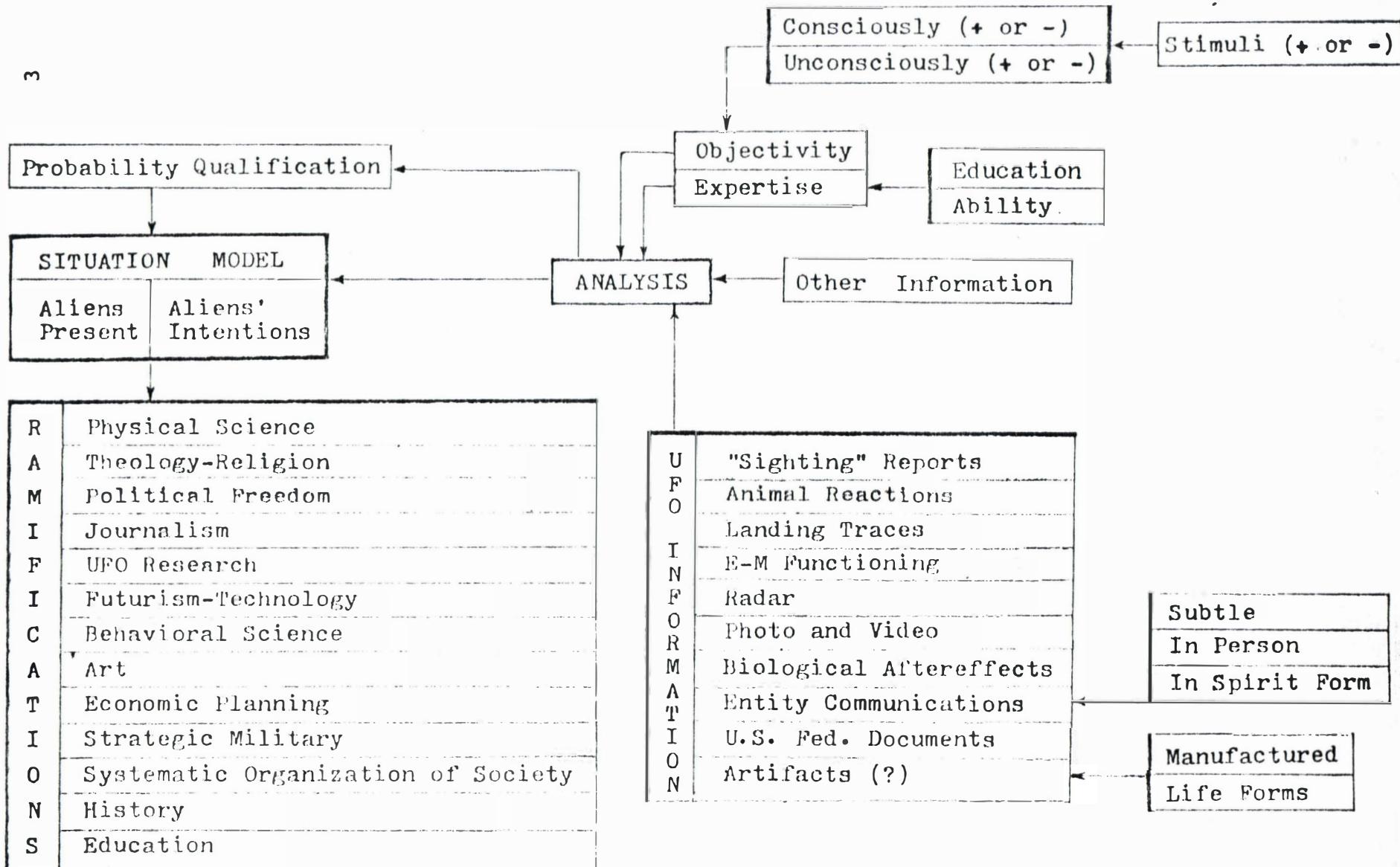
While some would choose to begin by noting that at the very least a highly significant problem exists because a large fraction of the public, in the U.S.A. for example, accepts the UFO phenomenon as a manifestation of an Alien intelligence, I must submit that for the informed view one does necessarily regard the authentic UFO as an artifact of an Alien intelligence. And, again, one should realize that we do have a serious intellectual problem owing to a real presence--rather than just saying that one should not ignore a possible problem resulting from the possible reality, or of suggesting that the undeniable problem of public belief can truly be treated meaningfully apart from the question of the tangible reality of the alleged stimulus. It should be understood that based on philosophical principles, as physical science must be, the empirical observations-indications of the UFO-Alien presence take precedence over the lack of a precise mechanistic comprehension of how a tangible UFO-Alien manifestation can be here, or get here. The widely reported superior flight capabilities, and evident extraterrestrial origin of the causative agency for the generalized UFO datum do strongly indicate a space travel capability. Furthermore, one correctly understands that for acceptable philosophical application, hypotheses are to be reasonably fitted to the full spectrum of relevant data within their category, that they shall compete successfully with alternative conceptions, and that they have to be harmoniously accommodated with established components in the broader framework of a coherent world-view. Thus, largely on the basis of the first two of these requirements, it can be seen why for strict analysis one dismisses conjectures such as those suggesting a psychological explanation for the data--and the more narrow interpretation drawn from analogies of form of parts of the human body with shapes characteristically reported for UFOs. It

can be anticipated that, given objectivity, and with increasing knowledge our perceptions evolve toward an ideal, single coherent world-view.

To facilitate thinking about the general UFO-Alien phenomenon I have included a diagram (p. 3) which depicts certain fundamental functional relationships. We know that analysis depends upon the specific information of the UFO data and the objectivity and expertise brought to the task. Then the analysis naturally yields a situation model which in turn carries definite ramifications. According to this outline a probability qualification arises from the analysis and is shown as being separate from the situation model. I feel it is extremely important to recognize that the situation model is inherently comprised of two distinct factors: that of the question of the Aliens' presence, and that of their intentions. The reasoning pertaining to these two sub-estimates involves highly dissimilar disciplines. A general estimate-of-the-situation would encompass the probability qualification, situation model, and ramifications.

At this juncture it would seem safe to conclude that the reliable civilian and professional branches of investigative ufology agree on the reasonable hypothesis that UFOs are, in the main, vehicles flown by forms of Alien intelligence. We have, too, the parallel presumption that these advanced life forms are derivatives of a carbon-based chemistry. One can note that contemporary investigative work concerning the abduction of humans by Aliens--with the Aliens' medical procedures--essentially requires this hypothetical foundation. So, in truth, we have as practical certainty for one half of the situation model that the UFO-Aliens are present. Of course they are here doing various things, but the definitive answer pertaining to their overall intentions calls for extended elucidation.

Discussion of some specifics of the ramifications resulting from the UFO-Aliens' modern manifestation should provide worthwhile clarifications. For example, we can focus on freedom in the United States of America. Here one finds the deliberate and radical development of the State beginning to actively impose upon the population a false view of a major observational reality. Never mind what subtleties of implementation are involved, or what possible motives are surmised. The precedent shattering fact of this initiative remains, and the consequences continue to evolve. Think of a balanced perspective for history: for Modern History, for the Political History of the United States, for the History of Science, and for Military History. As is the case for other disciplines, the United States' established, respectable institutions for the study of Political Science are corrupted for their failure to be able to conduct a legitimate forum on this critical issue. Public and private education, the media,



Proper analysis of information, from all available channels, yields an estimate of the situation. A Probability Qualification applies to the specific Situation Model (estimate). The Situation Model is comprised of two main parts: Aliens Present, and Aliens' Intentions. The Situation Model has numerous important Ramifications. These contain various interconnections. General Estimate: Alien Force Present; the Alien Force is the operational Angelic Force of the Second Coming Operation.

Congressional representatives, and Churches are all drawn into complicity with this basic perversion of our intellect. Living a lie just does not work.

Consideration of the UFO-Alien phenomenon in relation to Christian theology presents another example which is highly instructive. Indeed, this particular, difficult area contains questions that have to be answered definitively before any formally objective solution for the situation model can be formulated--because of the inherent relevance of the factor of Alien intentions. This discussion presumes an understanding that the Judeo-Christian religion deals centrally with acceptance of a prior physical or quasi-physical manifestation of the UFO-Alien type (The Exodus) and that Jesus' (the Christ) teachings feature the theme of a climactic, subsequent intervention in this world by what is essentially an extraterrestrial operative agency of advanced intelligence. Firstly I make the permissible, general analytical simplification of bypassing the input from contemporary Fundamentalist Christian Theology. The justification for this step does not arise from a negative judgment about the fundamentals of Christianity, since these are examined for what they are, but rather for the demonstrated lack of intellectual soundness regarding the Fundamentalists' interpretation of such things as the Biblical text, and physical science. One can expect that if Christian Fundamentalists become cognizant of the UFO information they might conclude that these combined phenomena are caused by the Devil, and for the Aliens present situation they would probably be convinced that Devils had arrived in conjunction with the Second Coming of Christ.

Without question the Roman Catholic Church is to some degree aware of the modern UFO-Aliens' presence, yet this prominent Christian organization has chosen to avoid meaningful comment upon this subject, when it should be clear to anyone concerned that profound implications pertain for both Christian theology and the human experience. Again, as with the Fundamentalists, one finds that the level of intellectual rigor in Roman Catholic theology isn't adequate for our task of making a fully informed and objective analysis. Deficiencies can be cited for interpretation of the Biblical text, and the consequent rationale for Papal authority.

For the purposes of our discussion it is of particular interest that among the better qualified elements of scholarly Protestant theology an effort at totally objective evaluation of Christianity has been made (for reference see the twelve volumes of The Interpreter's Bible, Abingdon Press, Nashville, Tenn., 1952). Thus, recognizing scientific knowledge as that existed early in this century, a moral obligation was felt within the leading circles of scholarly theology to deal with the embarrassing central theme

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of Jesus--about his returning to take control of the planet with the aid of an extraterrestrial agency. Scientists and these Biblical scholars simply were convinced that there was no way anybody could come down from the vacuum of space. They were sure we were alone, and Jesus had been gone for nearly two thousand years. So, this influential Christian faction went ahead with the project of revision that resulted very substantially in establishing a counterfeit Christianity: a faith devoid of the promise of the actual Second Coming of Christ. Today in the lingering context of the United States' tactical ridiculing of the UFO-Alien subject, and supported by a trusting and traditional science, the sophisticated Protestant theological thinking plunges forward with the momentum of its recent miscalculation, and is predisposed to fall victim to the error of disdain for any association of Christianity with "Flying Saucers," or UFO-Aliens. Therefore it is apparent from the perspective of an informed and objective analytical body, not only that respected Christian theology is fundamentally flawed, but in addition, that a correct evaluation of the UFO-Alien presence must be made in Christian terms before the definitive solution for the situation model can be formally entertained. This necessarily follows due to the direct implications for the identity of the UFO-Aliens as the operational force of the Second Coming of Christ (refer to my thesis: UFOs and A Coherent World-view, 1980). Given the knowledge of the UFO-Aliens being present, and the fact that they either are or are not the aforementioned operational force, we have "real" values of the probability qualification confined to either zero or unity in this model formulation.

Of course, in our time one must contemplate the History of Christianity anew; moreover, pragmatic projections have to anticipate the development of a Christian Church that relates harmoniously with the objective reality of the UFO-Aliens.

Yes, what about the future? Estimates of what will be, and planning for it are based upon what has been and what is happening now. In the most simple military terms, humans are surrounded by a superior force, the modern activities of which correlate strongly (primarily?) with our important military events and locations of strategic value. Major military organizations are accurately informed concerning the UFO-Aliens' presence. But what do these Aliens intend? How does one relate to the UFO-Aliens? Beyond the incalculable catastrophes of outright destruction, radiation pollution, and nuclear winter, would a large-scale nuclear exchange among humans trigger an overt UFO-Alien takeover of Earth? The applicable theoretical matrix does seem to indicate that immediately associated with a nuclear conflagration--probably occurring between human protagonists--that the UFO-Aliens will intervene decisively to assist in installing the

human progeny within Their social system. This social result will be the good thing; the associated nuclear war making will still be a terrible thing. One should definitely not contemplate, in this light, experiments with nuclear war as a means to achieve the ultimate peace. Note that to my understanding this nuclear exchange need not necessarily be expected to take place between the existing prominent nuclear powers. Attacking the UFO-Aliens with advanced weapons should also be excluded from consideration. Thus, under new constraints, altered military alignments, and revised planning for the allocation of scarce resources offer areas for improvement of the human condition. In any event the UFO-Alien factor interjects the dynamical backdrop for a reconfigured military-economic status.

A critical reading of the living drama of these times should not evade the judgmental evaluation of speeches issuing from established, secular science as these pronouncements pertain to the general subject of space exploration. Here, beneath the surface of glib assertions, behind the sheer curtain of fretted logic, is there to be any significance for the question of UFO-Alien intentions? Despite the thousands of documented encounter cases that civilian UFO investigators have on file, and the massive paper trail hemorrhaging from the U.S. federal bureaucracy the respected ranks of physical scientific leadership yet refuse to consider--as a realistic possibility--that well attested "UFO events" are a manifestation of an alien intelligence. The artistry exhibited by the behavioral scientists in weaving a spell of rationalized support for this intellectual posture also deserves special mention. This all-or-nothing situation does tell a strange tale, but who is the idiot? Generally speaking, while influential physical scientists believe in advanced extraterrestrial intelligence they, as the experts, think interstellar travel is essentially not feasible and, again, it therefore becomes necessary, with the federal assistance, for them to find ways to dismiss the observational data of the UFO information. Partly as an aspect of the rationalizing away of this data, certain unwarranted and self-serving assumptions are advanced. For example it is argued that if these Aliens could be arriving: they could not have come in the numbers being reported; their main purpose would be that of conducting scientific experiments and explorations; they might logically contact our scientists, which would be by specially efficient scientific means, and for the purpose of transmitting beneficial scientific information; and that the Aliens' interstellar travel schedules could be meaningfully approximated by some statistical formula. The scientists thoughts about communications by radio with distant civilizations predictably run in this same vein. We know that not long ago, on the basis of Biblical interpretations, persons at the forefront of cultural power strongly defended such ideas as that fossils were produced by the Great Flood, and that Earth is the center of the universe. By analogy

the estimates of scientists today regarding Alien intentions provide an instructive comparison of errant projections made from unfounded belief.

It seems entirely logical that people who think a single omnipotent God exists should expect that advanced extraterrestrial Aliens would be completely cognizant of that existence. Furthermore it would then appear perfectly reasonable for anyone so oriented to surmise that UFO-Aliens have their social order well attuned to God as the center of reality. Is God a scientist? Can you prove He doesn't exist? If you think He doesn't exist what do you envisage for the functioning of a perfected social order? What is morality; what place should it have? Clearly, in the valid Christian view--which is from the demonstrated, coherent, total context--we receive explicit guidance for understanding the UFO-Aliens' primary intentions. An intelligence estimate of the UFO-Aliens' intentions cannot realistically be avoided; however, all fanciful thinking about this subject should be avoided.

For further consideration of the pervasiveness of ramifications issuing from the modern UFO-Alien manifestation let us take the instance of a refined dinner party. The basic problem arises through the incongruity of formally attempting to appreciate fine food, drink, and setting, in the company of charming people, while at the same time coping with the deadly new burden of vulgarizing restrictions placed upon conversation. We can understand how such diverse general topics as history, theology, futurism, political freedom, exobiology, and education must currently be entertained in the altered context. But one has to contend with ignorance and misinformation relating to the fact of the UFO-Aliens' presence, and the expressed, or implied attitudes of Church, State, and the academic community toward this critical subject. In this and various similar cases of microcosmic social interaction we can observe the mechanistic progression of cultural degradation.

Really, in our survey of ramifications, education merits more extensive attention. We are left to think about what is taught now, and what could be, or should be taught in the future, and by whom. For example, I don't see why biology texts used in public high schools of the United States should not, in their latter, advanced sections, discuss UFO-Aliens in terms of their being evident, extraterrestrial entities. This could be done together with a brief explanation of the U.S. Federal involvement in the debate. I think this scientific subject should be addressed in high school biology classes--probably as a natural part of the treatment of evolution--and that it would also be appropriate material for high school political science instruction. Certainly it is appropriate for Christian education to require an understanding, beginning at this age level, of: the fact of the UFO-Alien

presence, the U.S. Federal suppression of related information, and the implications of these phenomena in general.

The reliable information we have today concerning the UFO-Alien phenomenon comes largely from civilian organizations specializing in its study. Through the dedication of persons in these groups very substantial gains have been made over the past four decades such that a high quality of intelligence data is currently available to educators. Again, it is to be noted that the valuable information amassed and analyzed by these civilian investigative groups pertains primarily to the reality of the UFO-Alien presence rather than to the more complex factor of UFO-Alien intentions.

Given the general estimate that the UFO-Aliens are the operational force of the Second Coming of Christ we then have the framework through the use of which our individual and corporate conduct can, in theory, be efficiently managed. Note the simplifying containment for the following group of related, basic questions: how does the society of the UFO-Aliens function; how would an idealized, advanced alien technological society be functionally organized; what would we imagine for the idealized functioning of a human, space-age society; and what plans shall be put in place for the improvement of contemporary human societies? Regarding this latter question, our planning should appropriately reflect an estimate of the time remaining. Under any circumstances I think it makes sense for our civilized societies, in formulating their goals, to take cognizance of the fundamental principles of justice and the commonality of human nature. An analysis of social systems, and the discipline of social engineering cannot but deal centrally with an array of statistical rates and percentages including those for: infant mortality, literacy, violent crime, divorce, starvation, the percentage of imprisoned persons, worker absenteeism, true chemical addiction, and the peoples' sense of contentment. Beyond these rudimentary factors one should assess, too, the levels of cultural achievement dealing with the people's understanding of the physical world, and the intellectual defensibility of their beliefs. I think that in this imperfect world all elements of social leadership are well advised to consider very carefully the validity and actual worth of what philosophies, faiths, ideologies, and so on that are promoted. Human society has to strive for much more than to be an ensemble of fanatics, robots, or mindless, perversely indulgent consumer units, who are to whatever degree organized for some arbitrary purpose. It's time to realize that group economics is a function of individual morality, that the functional viability of the individual depends on principles of morality, and that until the causes of individual's personality imperfections are addressed the unfortunate and tragic social consequences will continue. This is true even if your grandparents happened to believe that the

ultimate social good would result either through the collective ownership of capital, or from the mysteriously wonderful workings of an unbridled free-market economy.

To me it seems that the practical thing for human societies to do during the remainder of their histories would be to make suitable adjustments designed to initiate movement toward incorporation of: the essential principles of morality; realistic economic efficiencies; and an open treatment of factual information. Surely human culture is--for better or worse--now entering the new era that coexistence with the UFO-Aliens has recently established.

In view of such things as: the time scale of the Judeo-Christian progression since the Exodus contact, including Jesus' ministry and the global propagation of that information; the rate of increase for the human population; the development of nuclear weapons coupled with the modern UFO-Alien response; and technological advancement together with environmental impact, it has become possible to make a rough estimate of the maximum time left until our unification with the UFO-Aliens (i.e., the Second Coming). For this timing any value exceeding one or two hundred years should probably be looked upon as a high figure. One can expect that events involving a worldwide energy crisis, or the proliferation of nuclear weapons would be of particular significance for the timing estimate, and specifically, in this regard, a condition of ~~of~~ eminent nuclear hostility would be of the greatest importance. Of course this specific condition should logically also produce markedly enhanced UFO-Alien activity.

To me the fact of the modern UFO-Alien manifestation is, if perfectly understandable, still absolutely amazing. From here on I think two related, general subject areas are of extreme interest. First of all one must wonder in what ways and to what extent these Aliens will be active before their decisive operation? In other words, what will they do? As I see it, the primary constraints on them are those of letting us, through the exercise of our free will, finally do ourselves in, and of not interfering with Jesus' mission. But Jesus' responsibility prior to the return may have already been largely fulfilled. I do anticipate at least intermittent, continued UFO-Alien activity; however, relatively long periods of their inactivity could occur. Secondly, how openly will human societies relate to the UFO-Aliens? Already in the U.S.A., despite the Federal effort at suppression, civilian researchers are well informed about this Alien presence, and the UFO topic is commonplace. History evolves while the thematic universe teeters on the line dividing the realms of fantasy and reality--concerning the UFO-Aliens. If or when we ever train Astronauts or special liaison personnel for direct exchanges with these Aliens, what will be taught?

There is no place to hide. Moreover, I think there is no good reason for us to try to hide. We should cultivate a courageous attitude of unrestricted and positive acceptance of the UFO-Aliens. To do otherwise will very probably yield a bitter harvest.

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Dear Ms. Wheeler:

I came across your name in the *Who's Who in Ufology* Directory. I am writing because I wonder if you might be able to contribute in some way to my UFO research, which I believe is important.

I am investigating and researching sightings of orange balls of light. These balls of light are not ball lightning, but appear to be a much larger object with seeming intelligence. I wrote a short piece on my work for *California UFO* about a year ago, which I will enclose.

Many orange balls of light were observed on the Yakima Indian Reservation in south-central Washington state over a span of two decades. Dr. Michael Persinger and John Derr believe these glowing balls are caused by the release of tectonic strain. Whereas their work is interesting, the biggest failing of their model is the total lack of a physical mechanism for producing the luminous globes. Personally, I find their theory quite interesting, but it remains nothing but a theory.

For the past year I have been gathering case reports of orange balls of light from the literature. I have also been reaching out to researchers through *Who's Who*.

Needless to say, the response has not been terribly good. I read this to mean that orange balls of light are not seen in the researchers' areas, or the topic simply is of no interest to them. However, occasionally I do secure reports. I thought I'd write you and see if, by chance, you had reports of such a ball of light in your files. Certainly, photographic evidence is very important. Do you have any photos?

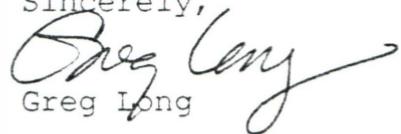
The ball of light is described as orange; red-orange; yellow-orange; or whitish-orange. It is often observed hovering, or traveling slowly in a lateral motion. It has been seen rising up from behind trees or structures. Often, it extinguishes instantly, like a light being "turned off." In a few rare instances, the ball of light will divide into several pieces, or merge together again. The ball is usually silent.

The purpose of my research is several fold: 1) Determine if the phenomenon is universally reported. 2) Analyze reported features and behaviors. 3) Test, in some cases, any possible earthquake connection (although the tectonic strain theory of UFOs is rapidly becoming a non-viable explanation for the orange balls.)

Could you check your files for reports? Could you have been lucky enough to photograph such an object? Or know someone who has?

I'd be pleased to answer any questions you might have regarding orange balls of light.

Sincerely,


Greg Long

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The following pages present groups and individuals participating in the "UFO Community." Inclusion in CONTACT does not indicate belief in either UFOs or extraterrestrials, nor does it constitute an endorsement by this magazine. This section is furnished as a public service.

Outreach

GREG LONG, MUFON FIELD INVESTIGATOR, is seeking information to further his research of over 200 baffling UFO sightings on the Yakima Indian Reservation in Washington State that have occurred since 1964. (Sightings peaked there in the early to mid-'70s and tapered off in 1980, yet new reports from the area have been recorded as recently as last year.) He writes:

In 1981 I learned of the ongoing UFO activity on this 3,500-square mile reservation, and decided that it was time to get involved. I was a skeptic about UFOs, although I had been reading literature about the subject for years. Since the reservation was only an hour away, took the opportunity to find out for myself.

The reservation sightings fall directly in the middle of a growing controversy. One of the most comprehensive and detailed sets of UFO observations, backed by dozens of excellent photographs, may represent sound evidence for the existence of a poorly understood, but completely natural phenomenon that has happened to be labeled—due to social or psychological reasons—as "unnatural," "extraterrestrial" or "paranormal." Or this information may mirror the presence of an alien intelligence, whose apparent correlation with seismic records is purely a matter of chance, and which burst onto the reservation in the '70s, carried out a program of surveillance for unknown reasons, and then withdrew or re-directed its efforts elsewhere.

Over the span of sightings, the majority of reports describe a "bright orange ball of light" as the typical UFO seen regularly on the Yakima Indian Reservation. Now, after a passage of six years which has included numerous trips to the reservation, witness interviews and a thorough evaluation of the 200 reports, a fact has become increasingly clear: UFOs have been seen on the reservation, and continue to be seen. In fact, the Yakima Indian Reservation is an ideal "window" area for UFO observations: a relatively restricted geographic locale where UFOs tend to manifest over extended periods of time.

The story began in August of 1971 when Willard J. (Bill) Vogel (now deceased), the resident Chief Fire Control Officer, witnessed a luminescent teardrop-shaped light late at night on the reservation. A WWII veteran who had won a Bronze Star, Vogel had been skeptical of the strange tales told to him for years by his fire lookouts manning the mountain peaks, and by others who regularly traveled the wilderness interior. He was particularly curious about reports emanating from the northeastern portion of the reservation, as it was near a local military base. The Yakima Firing Center is involved with weapons training for U.S. Army and National Guard units—often executing nighttime firing exercises. Officials at the Center claimed they had no sightings on file. (There were rumors of UFO sightings at the

government-controlled Hanford Nuclear Reservation nearby—the site of nuclear materials production and secret research.)

Once Vogel had seen a UFO for himself, and had photographed the strange Nocturnal Light, he found himself becoming highly conscious that something inexplicable was being observed in the skies of the reservation.

Numerous personal sightings followed, many of which were the orange ball-of-light variety. In total, Vogel estimated he had seen 20 UFOs, an incredibly large number for one witness. Vogel began documenting his and others' sightings, and quickly became the person one trusted on the reservation when reporting a UFO.

Puzzled, patient and possessing "Good, German logic," he sought explanations for his sightings. After astronomers in Wenatchee, Washington posed the "secret weapon" theory as the solution to the "teardrop," Vogel knew he needed an authority—he turned to J. Allen Hynek (now deceased), former consultant of the Air Force Project Blue Book "Investigation" into UFOs, then director of the Center for UFO Studies (CUFOS).

In April of 1972, Hynek visited the reservation and interviewed fire lookouts and other witnesses. It became immediately apparent that here was a mystery crying out for investigation. With the cooperation of the Yakima Tribal Council and Vogel, a CUFOS field investigator, David Akers, was stationed at the reservation for two weeks in August of 1972. The young engineer successfully observed and photographed a number of luminous objects, several of which displayed exotic visual and kinematic behaviors. This project provided graphic corroborating evidence of the verbal reports.

The most significant outburst of activity occurred in the early and mid-'70s. It was during these years that reports persisted in reaching Vogel, whose binder of reports was quickly filling. Vogel began directing me to numerous witnesses and I began to add more detail to the recorded observations. Recognizing the magnitude of the reservation's UFO situation, I initiated analytical and statistical studies of the reports, seeking patterns, correspondences and clues as to the physical cause of the objects.

In my search for the origin of the orange balls of light, I noted that neurophysiologist Michael Persinger at Laurentian University in Canada had proposed that strain build-up in earthquake-prone regions of the earth could release electromagnetic-field "columns" which would ionize gases in the atmosphere, resulting in a glowing plasma, a three-dimensional ball of energetic atomic particles that pulsated, blinked and moved in response to conductive lines of force in the surrounding landscape. This energetic UFO should appear in areas where tectonic plates grind against each other, responding to the enormous subterranean pressures beneath the crust. The glowing balls should appear in earthquake regions before earthquakes.

I was excited about this theory; I knew the reservation had earthquake faults, and earthquakes were occurring on the Indian lands. But

the Tectonic Strain Theory of UFOs, as Persinger called it, failed to describe the actual mechanics of the electric field generation, plus offered no explanation as to how the plasma could be maintained and sustained for long periods of time, as well as appear at high altitudes. The fire lookouts had reported balls of light hovering or moving at hundreds—even thousands—at feet above the earth; in some cases, streaking through the air. It is commonly understood that vast amounts of electrical potential are required to break down the insulating properties of air to strip away electrons in the surrounding atmospheric gases to release visible light. How could rocks under pressure continuously provide this great electrical potential for many minutes, even hours at a time? How were the electric fields bound together to focus themselves in one small, three dimensional space to contain the plasma? 17

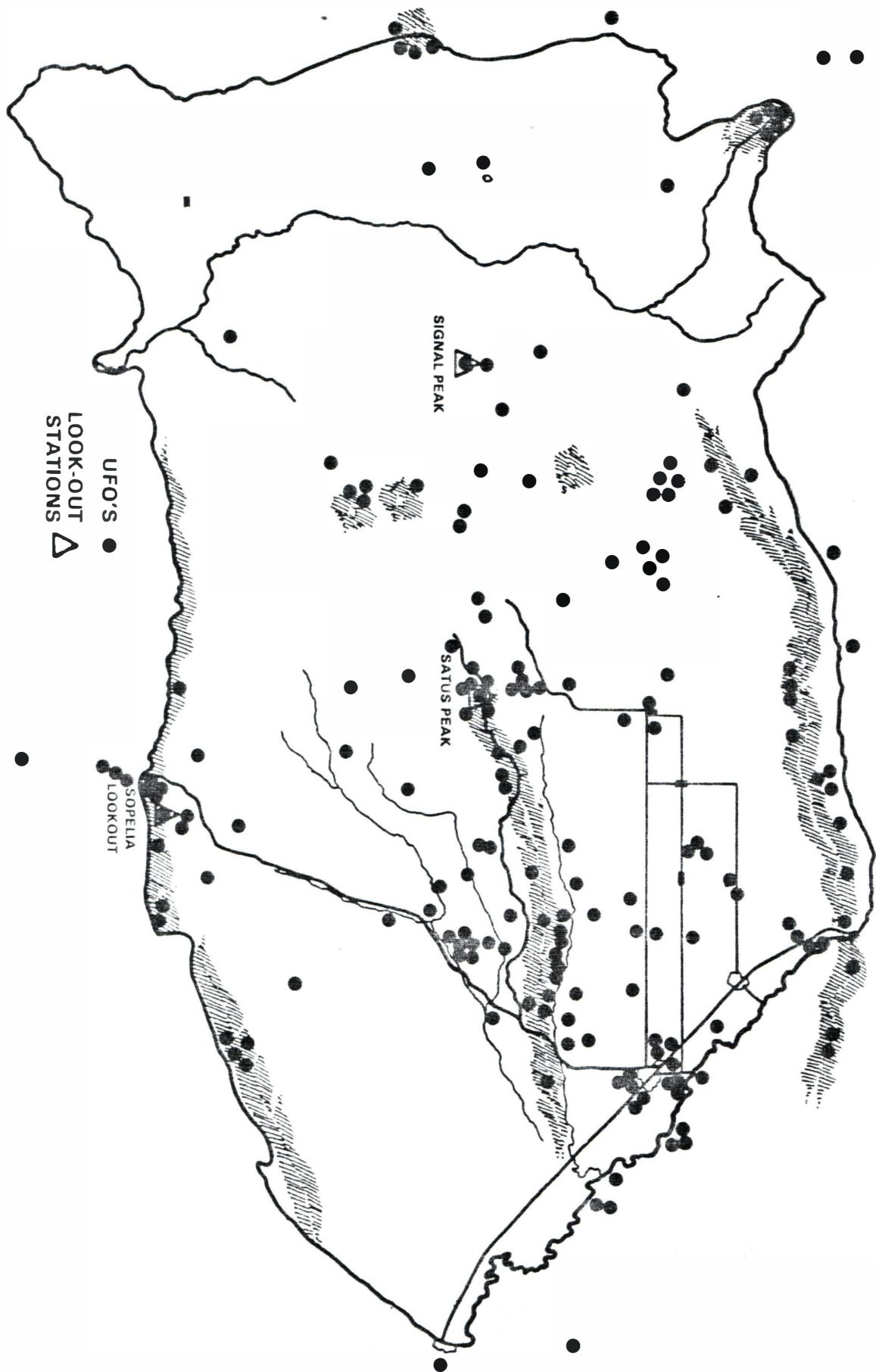
John Derr, a geophysicist with the U.S. Geological Survey in Denver, caught wind of my study. He had been interested in earthquake lights for many years, a valid natural phenomenon usually appearing as surface glows, streamers, sparks or other transient electrical outbursts shortly before, during or after large-magnitude quakes. He was convinced that the reservation's UFOs were a form of earthquake light, or "luminosity."

Derr teamed up with Persinger, and with Derr providing records on seismic activity on the reservation and a computer listing of some of the sightings from Akers, the researchers directed a computer to seek statistical correlations between the appearance of reservation UFOs and earthquakes. Results seemed promising; the numbers appeared to show that luminosities moved to and fro across the reservation as strain was released as low-level quakes. All that was missing to prove the link was the physical mechanism, which apparently lay somewhere in the crustal rock.

I am currently testing the Tectonic Strain Theory of UFOs by comparing, case by case, observational features of all reservation UFOs, as reported, to each aspect of the theory. In some cases there is a match, such as color and shape, but in all I have concluded that Persinger and Derr's analysis of the reservation UFOs is woefully incomplete, superficial and only suggestive of a possible quake/luminosity connection. But no one should reject any "crazy idea" out of hand until it is thoroughly evaluated. If Persinger and Derr are right, there should be hundreds—no, thousands of witnesses to, and reports of, luminous orange balls of light in California. As earthquake country, California is a perfect laboratory where the theory should be playing itself out right now on a regular basis.

I am appealing to readers of California UFO to share any reports they may have, including photographic evidence, of such orange balls of light they may have seen and recorded in California or in any other state; earthquakes are not confined to the western U.S. With a larger collection of these reports on hand, the Tectonic Strain Theory can be more completely tested. Even if only ONE report of an orange ball can be accurately documented from an area of the world where earthquake faults are NOT present and earthquakes do NOT occur, and strain build-up is NOT evident, the theory will show its weaknesses, of which it has many. I am not out to debunk the Tectonic Strain Theory of UFOs. I only wish to put it under the gun. All new theories must bear criticism, testing and evaluation. Science can only progress in that manner, as should ufology—the developing science of UFOs.

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PHENOMENON

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PENDLETON, Ore, June 25 (AP) - Nine bright saucer-like objects flying at 'incredible speed' at 10,000 feet altitude were reported here today by Kenneth Arnold, pilot who said he could not hazard a guess as to what they were.

Arnold, a United States Forest Service employee engaged in searching for a missing plane, said he sighted the mysterious objects yesterday at 3 pm. They were flying between Mount Rainier and Mount Adams in Washington State he said, and appeared to weave in and out of formation. Arnold said that he clocked and estimated their speed at 1200 miles an hour.

Enquiries at Yakima last night brought only blank stares he said, but he added he talked today with an unidentified man from Utah, south of here, who said he had seen similar objects over the mountains near Ukiah yesterday.

"It seems impossible," Arnold said, "But there it is." (1947)

'Flying saucers' were not a sudden phenomenon in 1947. People had been seeing things in the sky for thousands of years, and in modern times the psychological groundwork had been laid by writers such as Verne, Wells and Burroughs and many others. All it needed was an anonymous journalist in 1947 to give the phenomenon a name.

Since then, sightings and observations have been recorded all over the world with varying degrees of authenticity and imagination...

Abductions are becoming more frequent; and harder to ignore, and evidence in the files of serious scientific bodies leaves little doubt that an 'intelligence' is operating - but what kind, and from where? Do extra-terrestrials visit our planet? Are we being watched, contacted and even kidnapped by intergalactic travellers? Read on...

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GERRY MITCHELL, former RAF pilot, was driving near Carrington, Lancashire, one evening when several balls of green fire whizzed by. There was a slight loosening of his grip on reality, but it was all over in seconds. What we had then was an interesting sighting by a credible witness of some UAP (unexplained atmospheric phenomenon) over an oil refinery complex.

Gerry Mitchell was put under regression hypnosis by a qualified doctor in Manchester. No deeper memory emerged, just a reliving of the sighting in graphic detail.

Contact with extra-terrestrials; alien abductions; photographic evidence; government 'cover-ups' and the possibilities of what ET would mean for mankind are all explored and culminate in a final discussion on the debate for scientific study and for scepticism...

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John Spencer and Hilary Evans are members of BUFORA (British Unidentified Flying Object Research Association). All of the contributors are recognised experts in their field, and many of them have published books in their own right. Both editors will be available for interviews around publication.

Make up your own mind - but don't wait too long...

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BOOK REVIEW

EXTRA-TERRESTRIALS AMONG US

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EXTRA-TERRESTRIALS AMONGS US is a book that some people will love, while many of the hardcore Ufologists will tear it to shreads.

George Andrews seems to have more than a passing interest in UFOs, extraterrestrials, and other mysteries adjunct to the UFO phenomenon. He begins the book on a very positive note by revealing the cover-up story in Fawcett's book CLEAR INTENT, followed by the work of France's official UFO investigative agency GEPAN. He provides coverage of some very substantial UFO cases, thereby building the case for something very strange happening in the world around us. His treatment of the official United States E.T. Law is good because he quotes it verbatim. Readers will welcome this bit of information.

My own bias is not in favor of the ancient astronauts theory, so when Andrews shifts to the historical section titled From Deep Antiquity to Modern Times I felt he weakened his case for extraterrestrial visitations. This section is interestingly presented, with some new viewpoints mixed in with the same

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material as presented by Erich Von Daniken.

The extraterrestrial premise is damaged further by a detailed look at pyramid construction. While it is nice to imagine extraterrestrial constructors of the pyramids, pyramidologists have already done a credible job of explaining the details of the construction and the people who did the work. Critters in flying saucers were not required to get the job done.

The section on suicides mimics the feelings of many ufologists, even though they will never admit that fact in public. I have heard similar discussions within private groups of ufologists for the past 10 to 20 years. Unfortunately, Andrews could have made this section more hard hitting if he had covered fewer alleged suicides, but in greater detail. Omitting non-UFO material such as the Karen Silkwood case would also have been a strengthening factor.

The chapter on Mysterious Mutilations should be expanded into a book devoted to that subject, because the mutilation activity is so complex that a chapter does not do it justice.

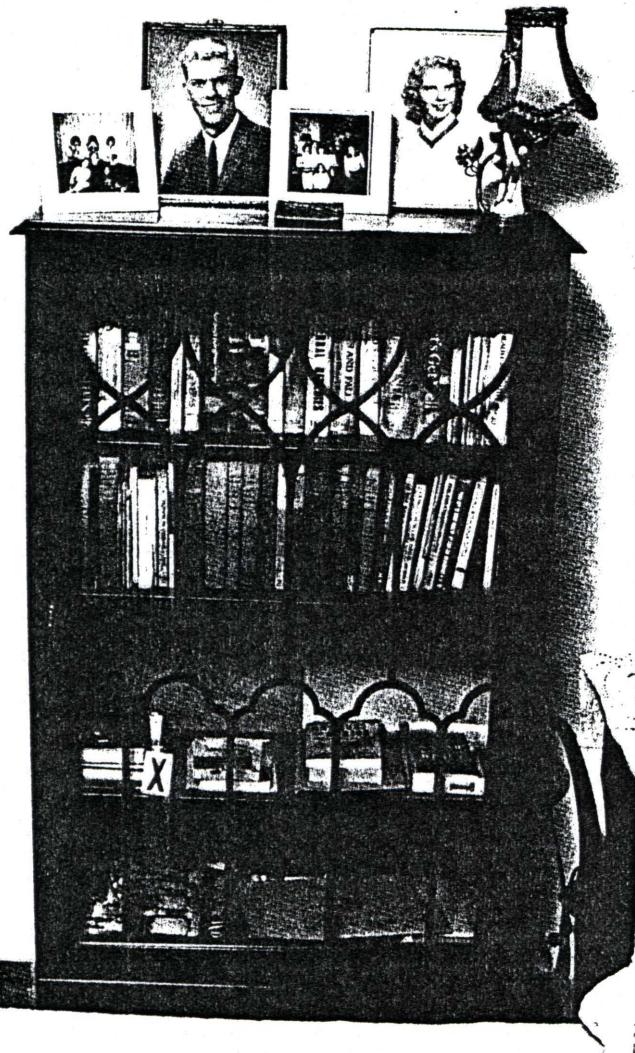
While Andrews covers a lot of interesting material in Space Tribes Signal, the chapter leaves a lot to be desired. His glimpse of the work of Leonard Stringfield is credible, but is too shallow to give the reader a full insight into the significance of the crash case investigations. A number of abduction cases recorded by other authors provide detailed descriptions of humanoids and the interiors of their craft. Andrews ignored most of the better cases and devoted his space instead to a long dissertation that could be easily described as

"split personality".

EXTRA-TERRESTRIALS AMONG US is a potpourri of information. It has some strong points, but these are diluted by the addition of spurious information about fish falls and spontaneous combustion. For that reason it will be difficult for the publisher to target a specific market. The novice will probably find the book inspiring in many ways. On the other hand the critics will seek to protect the unspoiled minds of the novices and call for further censorship of this type of material. Most seasoned ufologists will find very little new material in this book and will probably tend to ignore it.

Perhaps the best feature of the book is that it keeps the UFO mystery alive and open for scrutiny. Andrews has certainly drawn a new battle line.

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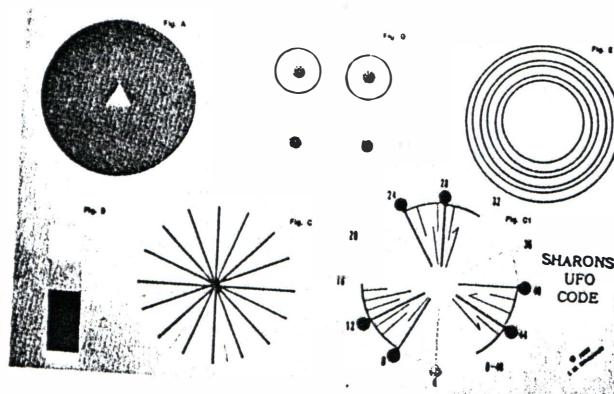
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